

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-45 are pending. Claims 1-10, 19, 20, 25-27, 29-32 and 37-45 stand rejected and claims 11-18, 21-24, 28 and 34-36 are objected to. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 11-18, 21-24, 28 and 34-36 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has added claims 46-49. These claims do not introduce new matter. Applicant respectfully requests therefore that claims 46-49 be entered and examined.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102

The Office Action at page 2, sets forth "claims 1-6, 8, 9, 19, 20, 25-27, 29-32, 37 and 39-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Jones-Lawlor et al. 6321034.

Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is overcome by the amendments to the claims for the reasons set forth below.

As mentioned above, the Examiner has indicated that claim 17 contains allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the features of claim 17 thus obviating the outstanding rejection.

Because claims 2-16 and 18-39 depend either directly or indirectly on claim 1, these claims are likewise allowable.

Applicant has also amended claim 44 to include the features of allowable claims 11 and 17. Applicant respectfully requests, therefore, that the rejection of claim 44 be withdrawn and the claim allowed.

Newly added claim 46 includes the features of original claim 1 and allowable claim 11. Applicant respectfully requests, therefore, that claim 46 be allowed.

Newly added claims 47-49 depend upon 46 and, thus, are likewise allowable.

The rejection of claims 40-42 and 45 are obviated by their cancellation.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, applicant submits that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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